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MORGAN! WE
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LOST FAST!

WE DON'T HAVE TIME!
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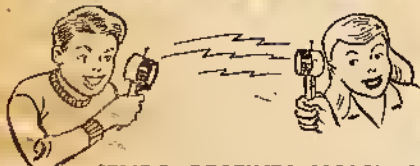
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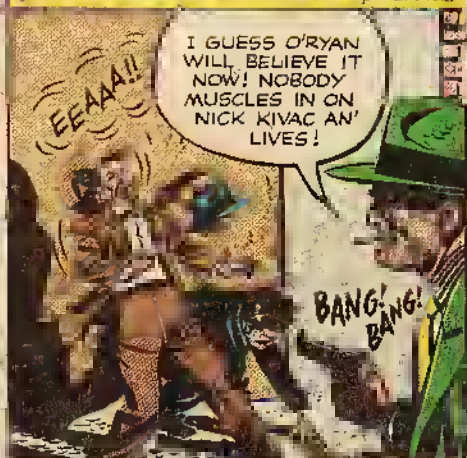
KILLERS FROM THE STICKS



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THIS STORY IS ABOUT TWO GANGS--THE GORDONS AND THE KIVACS! THEY WERE HARDENED IN THE FLAMING CRUCIBLE OF GANG WAR! THE GORDONS CAME FROM THE STICKS, KNOWING ONLY GREED! THE KIVAC KILLERS, BRED IN THE SEWERS OF THE BIG TOWN, KNEW ONLY THEIR VICIOUSNESS! THE GORDONS WERE COUNTRY MICE! THE KIVACS...CITY MICE! BUT THE DIFFERENCE WAS ONLY GEOGRAPHICAL! BOTH TURNED INTO GUTTER RATS...UGLY, TREACHERDUS AND DESPICABLE!

THE TIME WAS 1930--PEAK YEAR OF THE BOOTLEG ERA! THE BIG GUN IN THE BIG TOWN WAS NICK KIVAC! HIS GUNS WERE BIG AND NEVER SILENT...



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NOW IT DIDN'T MATTER WHETHER O'RYAN BELIEVED IT OR NOT! THE MOB TOOK NO CHANCES! THEIR MOTTO WAS "WHEN IN DOUBT, RUB OUT" LIKE WITH JIMMY POLK...

GOSH, KIVAC, HOW DO WE KNOW JIMMY REALLY DOUBLED CROSSED US! IT WAS STRICTLY A RUMOR THAT HE HELPED GORDON HJACK US!

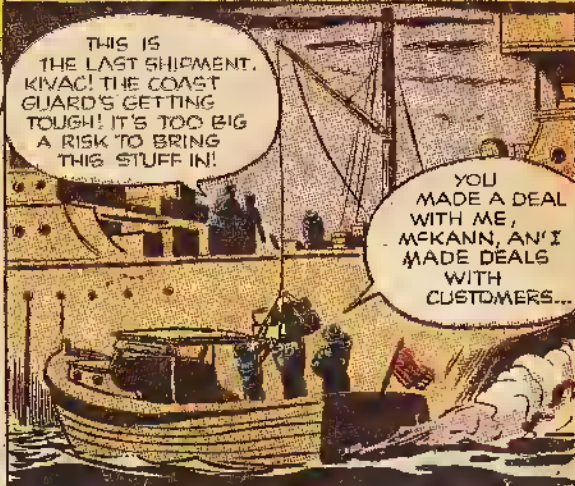
THAT'S HIS TOUGH LUCK! I AIN'T WAITIN' AROUND FOR NO RUMORS TO BECOME FACTS!



NICK KIVAC'S BOOZE CAME FROM TWO SOURCES! ONE WAS BY SEA...

THIS IS THE LAST SHIPMENT. KIVAC! THE COAST GUARD'S GETTING TOUGH! IT'S TOO BIG A RISK TO BRING THIS STUFF IN!

YOU MADE A DEAL WITH ME, MCKANN, AN' I MADE DEALS WITH CUSTOMERS...



BACK DOWN ON OUR CONTRACT, MCKANN... AN' YOU'LL NEVER SET FOOT IN THIS PORT ALIVE! GOT THAT?

I... I GOT IT, KIVAC! GULP! I GUESS MAYBE THE COAST GUARD HAS TO EASE UP SOME-TIME!

WHETHER ON SEA OR LAND, KIVAC'S BRUTE FORCE PAID OFF... FOR KIVAC!

WAIT A SECOND, KIVAC! YOU SHORT-CHANGED ME! THAT ROTGUT IS FOUR BUCKS A BOTTLE!

I JUST MADE IT THREE! ANY OBJECTIONS?

B...BUT I GOTTA PAY \$3.20 A BOTTLE MYSELF! I'M LOSIN' ON THIS DEAL...

IT AIN'T MY FAULT IF YOU'RE A LOUSY BUSINESSMAN!



NOR WAS KIVAC MORE GENTLE WITH HIS CUSTOMERS THAN HIS SUPPLIERS...

PAY YOU SEVEN A BOTTLE WHEN I CAN BUY ALL I WANT FOR FIVE DOLLARS? WHY SHOULD I...

HERE'S WHY!

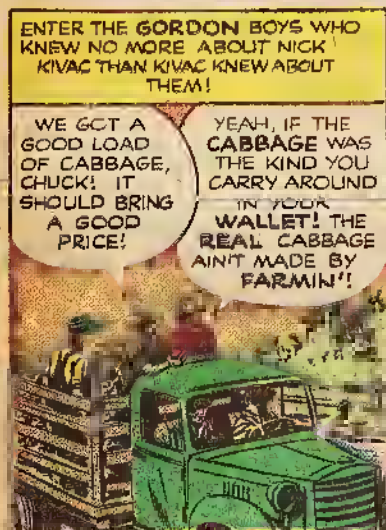
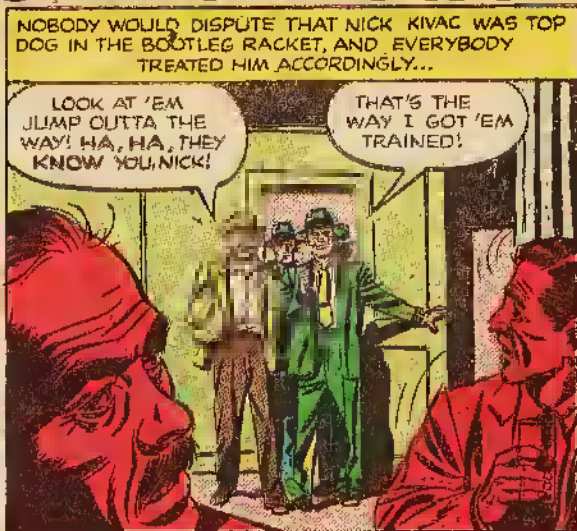


IF YOU DON'T THINK LIVIN'S WORTH PAYIN' FOR, JUST SAY SO!

N..NO! I'LL PAY! DON'T GET SORE, KIVAC! I DIDN'T MEAN NOTHIN'!

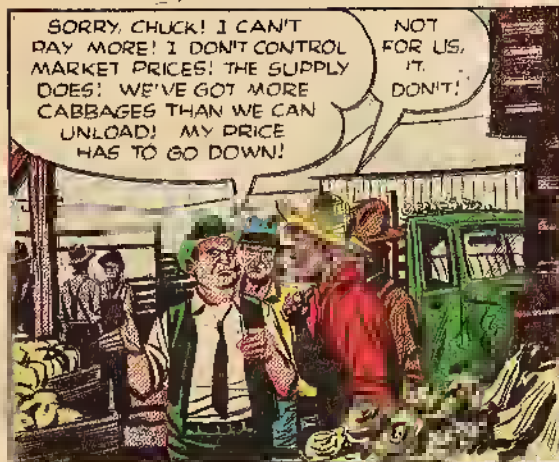


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BUT EZRA GORDON SPOKE WITHOUT KNOWING TODAY WOULD BE THE MOST FATEFUL DAY OF HIS LIFE! AN HOUR LATER, IN THE VEGETABLE MARKET...



SORRY, CHUCK! I CAN'T RAY MORE! I DON'T CONTROL MARKET PRICES! THE SUPPLY DOES! WE'VE GOT MORE CABBAGES THAN WE CAN UNLOAD! MY PRICE HAS TO GO DOWN!

NOT FOR US, IT DON'T!



YOU'LL PAY WHAT WE GOT LAST TIME OR I'LL TAKE THE DOUGH OUTTA YOUR HIDE!

YOU'RE CRAZY, CHUCK! TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF ME! I'LL CALL A COP!

LET UP, CHUCK!



YOU CHISELLIN' BUM! YOU AIN'T SQUEEZIN' NO PENNIES OUTTA US!

FOR PETE'S SAKE, CHUCK, WE'LL GET IN TROUBLE!



THIS'S THE LAST TIME YOU SELL ME, YOU HOODLUM! I'LL BLACKBALL YOU THROUGHOUT THE MARKET!

GO TO BLAZES, YOU AND THE MARKET!

CHUCK! LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!



AN HOUR LATER, IN ANOTHER PART OF THE MARKET...

WELL, WE UNLOADED THE CABBAGE - BUT FOR PEANUTS! WE'LL ALWAYS BE GETTIN' CHICKEN FEED!

BUT IT'S HONEST DOUGH! THAT'S WHAT COUNTS!



YOU TALK LIKE A BLASTED PREACHER! SHUT UP!

PSST! HOW'D YOU LIKE SOME SCOTCH, FRESH OFF THE BOAT - CHEAP!

G'WAN, BEAT BEAT IT! WE GOT ENOUGH OF THIS OWL APPLE!

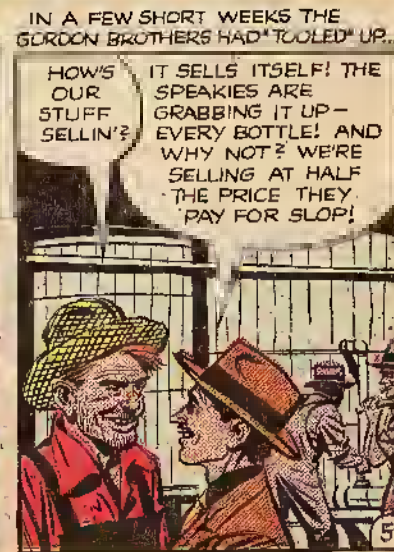
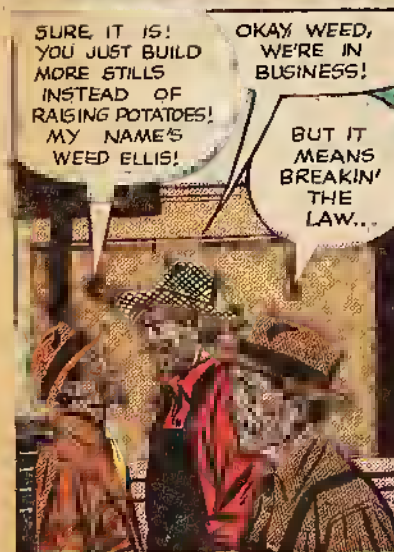


THAT'S POISON, FELLER! YOU'LL RUST YOUR BELLY OUT! TASTE THE REAL MACCOY! RIGHT FROM RUM ROW! THE SAMPLE'S ON ME!



SOME FLAVOR, EH?

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IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE NICK KIVAC FOUND OUT HIS BOOZE SALES HAD BEEN CUT IN HALF...

FENNER, I HEAR YOU AIN'T ORDERIN' FROM ME! WHO'S GETTIN' YOUR BUSINESS?

DON'T LOSE YOUR TEMPER! PUT YOURSELF IN MY PLACE! I PAY ONLY HALF YOUR PRICE ELSEWHERE...AN' FOR BETTER STUFF!



WHO'S ELSE-WHERE? GIVE ME HIS NAME! CURSE YOU! HIS NAME!

IT'S G..GORDON! THEY'RE FIVE BROTHERS! THEY MAKE THEIR OWN ALKY-SOME PLACE IN THE STICKS! IF YOU ONLY TASTED IT YOU'D SEE!



TASTE IT? I'LL DROWN 'EM IN IT-ALL FIVE OF 'EM! AND YOU'LL SWIM WITH 'EM...FACE DOWN...IF YOU BUY ANOTHER DROP!

CRACK!



IT DIDN'T TAKE KIVAC LONG TO TRACK DOWN WEED ELLIS, SALESMAN FOR THE COUNTRY MICE...ONE NIGHT, OUTSIDE A SPEAKIE...

HEY! YOU'RE WEED ELLIS, AIN'T YOU?

TH...THAT'S RIGHT!



THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, KIVAC PUT THE SQUEEZE ON THE FIVE BROTHERS, BUT HE WAS IN FOR A SURPRISE...

LOOK OUT! A CAR'S FOLLOWIN' US AN' ONE IN FRONT!

THEY MUST BE THE ONES WHO KILLED WEED! GIMME MY GUN!



BANG!

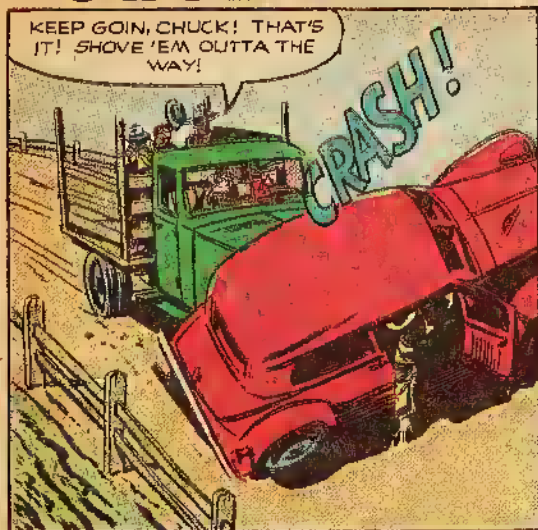
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NOW CRASH INTO THAT CAR IN FRONT!

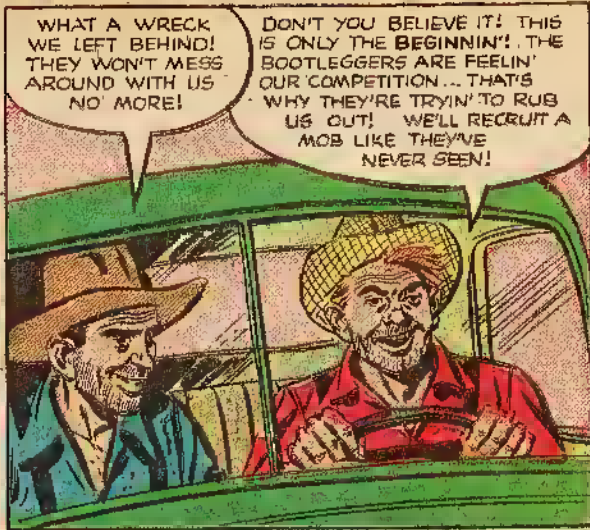


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KEEP GOIN, CHUCK! THAT'S IT! SHOVE 'EM OUTTA THE WAY!

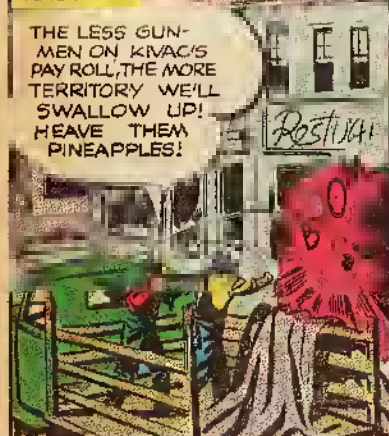
CRASH!



WHAT A WRECK WE LEFT BEHIND! THEY WON'T MESS AROUND WITH US NO MORE!

DON'T YOU BELIEVE IT! THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNIN'! THE BOOTLEGGERS ARE FEELIN' OUR COMPETITION... THAT'S WHY THEY'RE TRYIN' TO RUB US OUT! WE'LL RECRUIT A MOB LIKE THEY'VE NEVER SEEN!

SO THE COUNTRY MICE TOOK THE OFFENSIVE, MOVING INTO THE CITY RATS' TERRITORY LIKE A JUGGERNAUT...



THE LESS GUN-MEN ON KIVAC'S PAY ROLL, THE MORE TERRITORY WE'LL SWALLOW UP! HEAVE THEM PINEAPPLES!

BOOM!

IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE THE GORDON MOB ESTABLISHED ITSELF AS THE NUMBER ONE BOOTLEGGING MENACE IN TOWN!



IT'S THE GORDON MOB! LOOK OUT!

YOU HAD YOUR CHANCE TO JOIN US!

KIVAC WAS FIT TO BE TIED! HE WAS AT HIS WITS' END WHEN ONE OF HIS RIGHT HANDS STUMBLED ACROSS AN IDEA...



SO JINNY JONES IS A CUTE NUMBER! WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH THE GORDON MOB?

I WAS TRAILIN' CHUCK GORDON ONE NIGHT; AN' I SAW HIM MEET THIS DANCER! I FOUND OUT SHE'S HIS COUSIN!

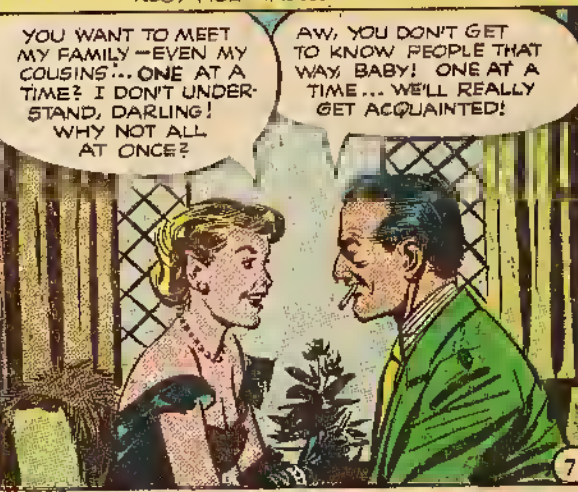
YES! JINNY JONES WAS ONE OF THOSE PRETTY GIRLS FROM THE STICKS, WHO WAS ANXIOUS TO MAKE GOOD IN THE BIG CITY! KIVAC SAW THE ANGLE IMMEDIATELY!



PLAY UP TO HER, NICK! TAKE HER OUT! BUY HER RINGS, FURS - TELL HER YOU'LL GET HER A SOLO SPOT IN A REVIEW!

SURE - THEN WE'LL GET HER TO DECOY HER COUNTRY COUSINS INTO RUB-OUT SPOTS - I GOTCHA!

WITHIN A WEEK, KIVAC PAINTED A ROSY FUTURE TO THE GULLIBLE GIRL WHO LITTLE SUSPECTED THAT THE ROSY HUE WAS... BLOOD!



YOU WANT TO MEET MY FAMILY - EVEN MY COUSINS... ONE AT A TIME? I DON'T UNDERSTAND, DARLING! WHY NOT ALL AT ONCE?

AW, YOU DON'T GET TO KNOW PEOPLE THAT WAY, BABY! ONE AT A TIME... WE'LL REALLY GET ACQUAINTED!

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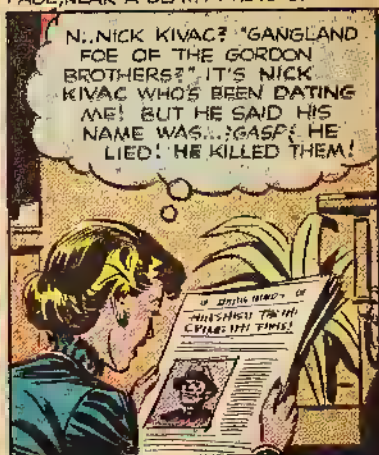
THOUGH KIVAC DIDN'T SHOW UP, HE DID NOT FORGET TO SEND HIS CALLING CARD!



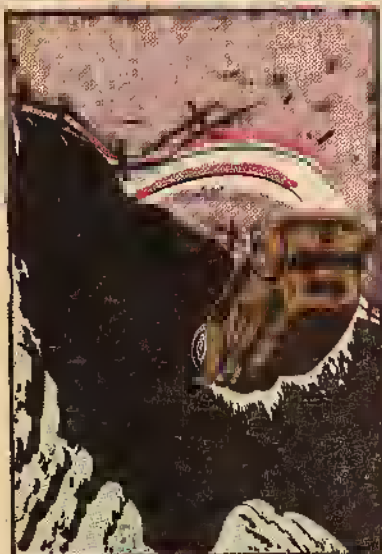
A FEW DAYS LATER, IT WAS BUTCH GORDON WHO KEPT HIS APPOINTMENT...WITH



IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT JINNY JONES WOULD DISCOVER KIVAC'S PERFDY, BUT OF ALL PLACES—ON THE FRONT PAGE, NEAR A DEATH PHOTO OF



THE PURSUIT WAS GRIM, UNRELENTING! THE FRIGHTENED GIRL TRIED TO GO FASTER! IT WAS A MISTAKE—THE STREETS WERE WET! THE PAVEMENT SLIPPERY...



A MONTH LATER, EZRA GORDON WAS NO MORE—NOW THE FIVE WAS DOWN TO TWO...



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THE FINAL SHOWDOWN CAME SWIFTLY ONE NIGHT IN FEBRUARY, 1931— AT GORDON'S HOME BASE, THE DISTILLERY...



IT'S KIVAC! HE'S RAIDIN' US! GASP! QUICK! INTO THE BARN!

BUT WITH THE BATTLE OF TOMMY-GUNS AND PINEAPPLES AGAINST SHOTGUNS TURNING INTO A STALEMATE, THE EVER-RESOURCEFUL KIVAC CAME UP WITH A NEW WRINKLE...



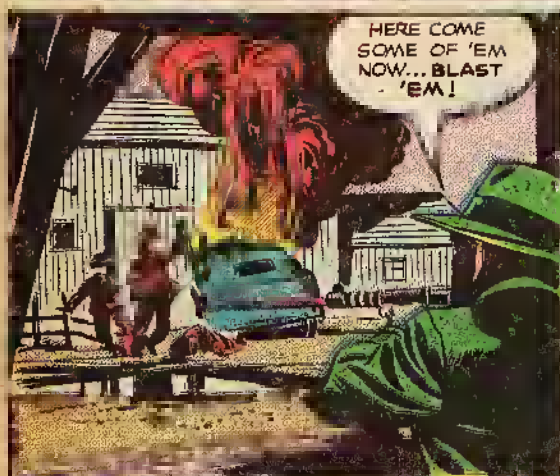
THE WHEEL'S ALL STRAPPED, NICK! SHE'S READY TO GO!

OKAY! WHEN THE TANK BLOWS, THEIR BARN WILL GO UP LIKE PAPER! LET 'ER GO!

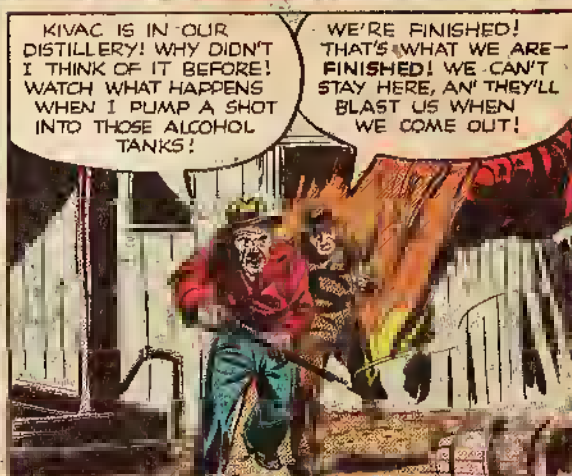


CHUCK! THE CAR'S COMIN' RIGHT AT US! LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!

NO! THAT'S WHAT THEY WANT! THEY'LL MOW YOU DOWN!



HERE COME SOME OF 'EM NOW... BLAST 'EM!



KIVAC IS IN OUR DISTILLERY! WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF IT BEFORE! WATCH WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I PUMP A SHOT INTO THOSE ALCOHOL TANKS!

WE'RE FINISHED! THAT'S WHAT WE ARE— FINISHED! WE CAN'T STAY HERE, AN' THEY'LL BLAST US WHEN WE COME OUT!



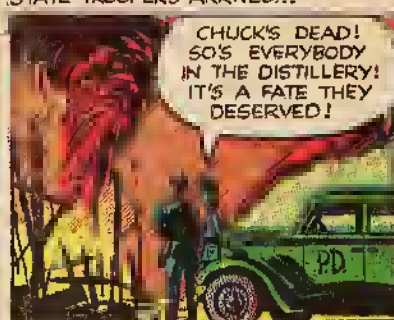
GULP! WHAT'S KEEPIN' 'EM UP? WE KEEP HITTIN' 'EM WITH SLUGS, BUT THEY DON'T DROP!

LOOK! THEY AIN'T AFTER US! THEY'RE AIMIN' FOR THE TANKS! LOOK OUT!



WE GOT KIVAC NOW, TED! WE GOT HIM... GROAN! AGHH...

A HALF-HOUR LATER, WHEN THE STATE TROOPERS ARRIVED...



CHUCK'S DEAD! SO'S EVERYBODY IN THE DISTILLERY! IT'S A FATE THEY DESERVED!

TED GORDON PERISHED, CLUTCHING THE EARTH IN HIS DEAD HAND AS IF WISHING HE HAD REMAINED A PEACEFUL FARMER! CRIMINALS RARELY LEARN—TILL THEY'VE PAID THE FULL PRICE FOR THEIR CRIMES!

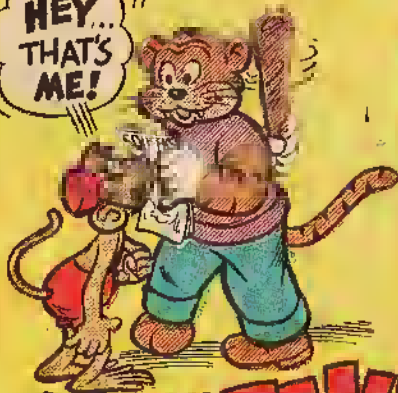
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THAT'S
ME!



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TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS FROM THUGS!
THEY WERE CALLED "WATCHMEN"!



JOHN DIETZ, of Oregon,
WAS ARRESTED FOR SPEEDING
IN A WHEEL CHAIR!

THANKS — TO THE HONEST PERSON
WHO RETURNED MY WALLET WITH
EVERYTHING IN IT BUT THE MONEY!
... HARRY KARL

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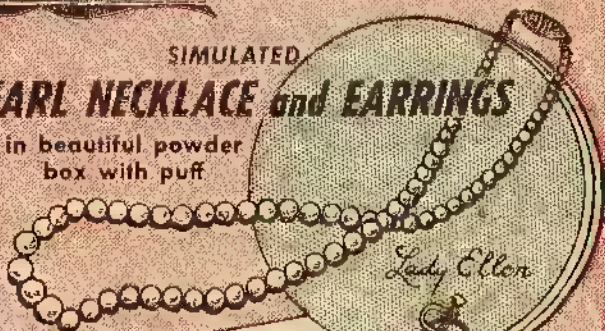
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KILL-CRAZY FRED "BANJO" BLORE



THE ONE-MAN CRIME WAVE!



BLORE!
YOU T...TRIGGER-
CRAZY NUT! ;GASP;
Y...YOU KILLED
HIM!

SURE! BUT HE AIN'T ALONE! BEFORE
I'M THROUGH, I'LL RUN THROUGH THIS
TOWN LIKE A FOX THROUGH A CHICKEN
HOUSE! JUST WATCH THE STIFFS
PILE UP! HA-HA! HEE-HEE!

H...HE'S CRAZY
AS A BEDBUG! GET
OUTTA HERE BEFORE
HE SHOOTS UP THE
PLACE!

THAT'S HOW IT BEGAN...WITH A SHOOT-
ING!...A KILLING! BUT FRED "BANJO"
BLORE DIDN'T STOP WITH JUST **ONE**
SHOOTING...**ONE** KILLING! WHEN BLORE
FEVERISHLY PULLED THE TRIGGER AT
9 P.M. ON OCTOBER 9, 1926...HE HAD
FIRED THE FIRST SHOT OF HIS PRIVATE
WAR AGAINST SOCIETY...A WAR, HIDEOUS,
MERCELESS AND INSANE...WHEREIN THE
MAD-DOG CRIMINAL SPEWED FORTH HIS
HATRED OF MANKIND WITH EVERY
CRUMPLED VICTIM WHO FELL BEFORE THE
"ORANGE FLAME OF HIS MURDEROUS"
REVOLVER!

AND YET, PERHAPS IT WAS ANOTHER INSTRU-
MENT THAT CREATED THE HORRIFYING ONE-
MAN CRIME WAVE -- NOT AN INSTRUMENT
OF DEATH, BUT AN INSTRUMENT OF MUSIC--
A BANJO...



HOW COULD
A BANJO
TOUCH OFF
A MASSACRE!
WELL, IT'S AN
INCREDIBLE
STORY! ONE
THAT BEGINS
IN JUNE,
1921 IN A
PAWNSHOP..

THE GUN LOOKS
OKAY! THAT BANJO
UP THERE-- CAN I
PLAY IT LEFT-
HANDED?

SURE!! IF
I RESTRING IT
FOR YOU!



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HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

ONLY ABOUT TEN MINUTES! SAY—SINCE WHEN DID YOU GET INTERESTED IN MUSIC?



SINCE ALWAYS! MY MOTHER WAS AN OPERA SINGER, AN' MY FATHER WAS A CONDUCTOR! MAKES A NICE SOUND, DON'T IT?

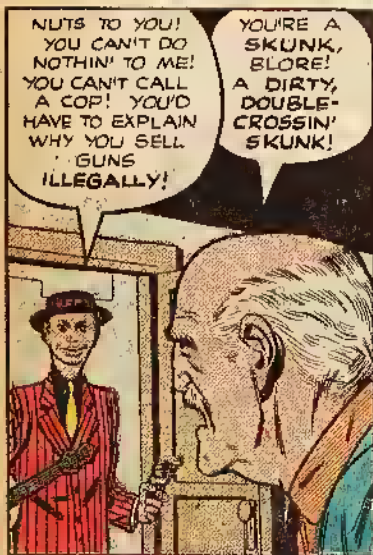
THERE'S ONLY ONE SOUND THAT'S MUSIC TO ME! THE RING OF THE 'CASH REGISTER! THEM SOUNDS WILL COST YOU EIGHT BUCKS!

PLUNK!
PLUNK!
PLUNK!



OKAY! PUT IT ON MY CHARGE ACCOUNT!

WHAT CHARGE 'ACCOUNT? COME BACK HERE! GIVE ME THAT BANJO BACK!



NUTS TO YOU! YOU CAN'T DO NOTHIN' TO ME! YOU CAN'T CALL A COP! YOU'D HAVE TO EXPLAIN WHY YOU SELL 'GUNS ILLEGALLY!

YOU'RE A SKUNK, BLORE! A DIRTY, DOUBLE-CROSSIN' SKUNK!



A DIRTY DOUBLE-CROSSIN' BANJO-PLAYIN' SKUNK! HEEE—HEEE! I'LL SEE YOU AROUND, SAP! HEEE—HEEEE!



BUT FATE DIDN'T INTEND TO LET FRED BLORE LEARN HOW TO PLAY HIS INSTRUMENT RIGHT AWAY... AN HOUR LATER, BLORE HELD UP A GROCERY STORE...

YOU'RE SMART PEOPLE! YOU DON'T ARGUE WITH A GUN! A GUN WINS ALL THE ARGUMENTS! HEEE—HEEEE!



BLORE WAS WRONG! A GUN MAY WIN EVERY ARGUMENT EXCEPT THE FINAL ONE... THE ONE WITH THE LAW!

YOU SAY THIS GUNMAN HAD AN INSANE GIGGLE... AND CARRIED A BANJO? THANKS!

THAT'S RIGHT! THE GIGGLE AND THE BANJO! I'LL REMEMBER THEM AS LONG AS I LIVE!



THREE HOURS LATER, IN A MIDTOWN DIVE...

CAN IT, FELLER! YOU'RE DRIVIN' US BATS! WHY DON'T YOU LEARN HOW TO PLAY FIRST?

EVERYBODY'S A CRITIC! 'WHIC! AIN'T THAT BEAUTIFUL, PAL? CAN'T MAKE UP MY MIND... IS IT 'HOME ON THE RANGE' OR 'CAMPTOWN RACES'?

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? IT SOUNDS LIKE NOTHIN'!

CRIME DOES NOT PAY

YOU'LL HAVE
PLENTY OF
TIME TO FIGURE
IT OUT IN STIR!
YOU'RE UNDER
ARREST,
MAESTRO!

¿GASPE...ARE
YOU CRACKED?
ARREST?...
FOR WHAT?
I AIN'T BOTHER
ING NOBODY
WITH MY
PLAYIN'! I AIN'T
DISTURBING
THE PEACE.

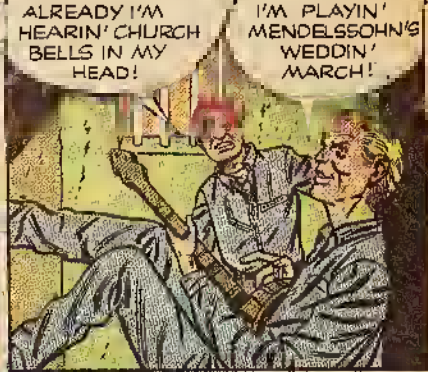
THREE HOURS
AGO, A HOOD
WITH A BANJO
HELD UP A GRO-
cery store
ON DENROW
STREET! I'LL
BET MY BADGE
IT WAS YOU!

WHY,
Y...YOU'RE
... A
F...FLAT-
FOOT!
¿GASPE?
...I BEEN
KIDDIN'
AROUND
WITH A
FLATFOOT!

THE DETECTIVE DIDN'T HAVE TO EAT
HIS BADGE AND BLORE LEARNED HOW
TO PLAY HIS BANJO DURING A TWO-
YEAR STRETCH IN PRISON...

...THE MORE
YOU STUDY THE
WORSE IT SOUNDS!
LAY OFF IT!
ALREADY I'M
HEARIN' CHURCH
BELLS IN MY
HEAD!

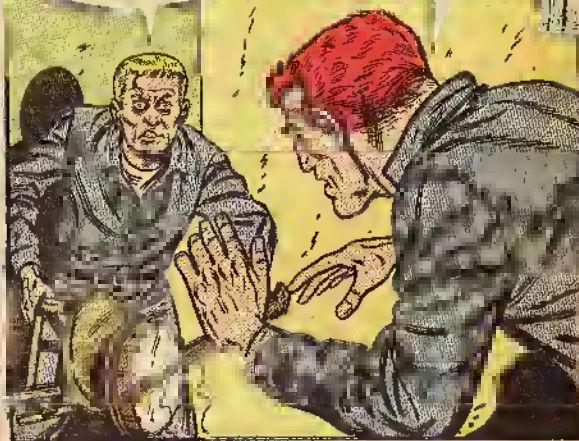
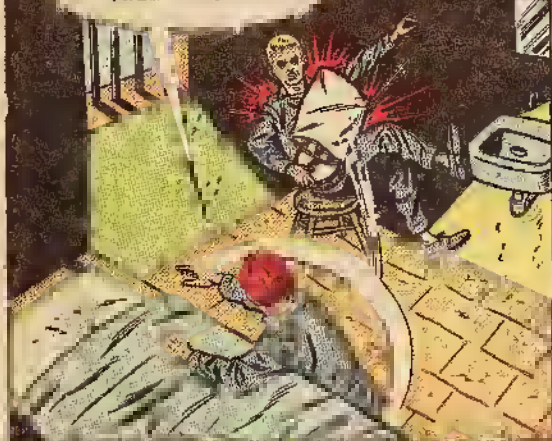
GOOD!
THE MUSIC IS
MAKIN' AN
IMPRESSION!
I'M PLAYIN'
MENDELSSOHN'S
WEDDIN' MARCH!



THEN PLAY CHOPIN'S
FUNERAL MARCH! IF
YOU DON'T CUT OUT THIS
LOUSY PRACTICIN', I'LL
KILL YOU!

YOU CRUMB!
LOOK AT MY BANJO!
IT'S BROKEN! YOU
BROKE IT!

IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!
DON'T GET CRAZY NOW!
FOR PETE'S SAKE...P...PUT
THAT STOOL DOWN!



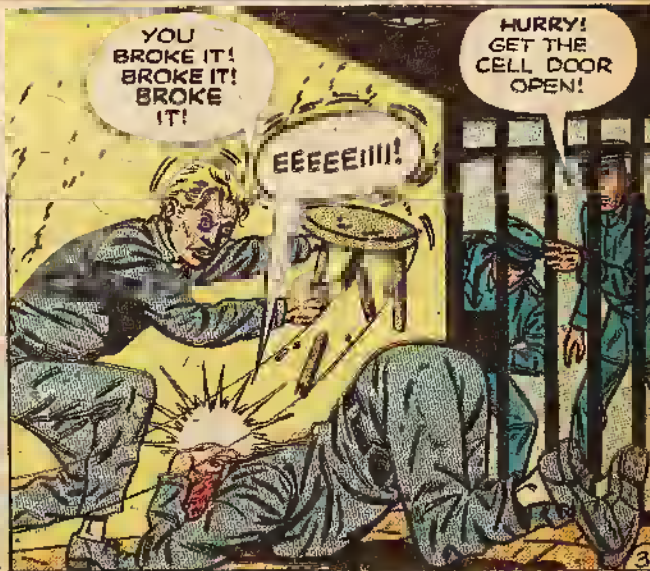
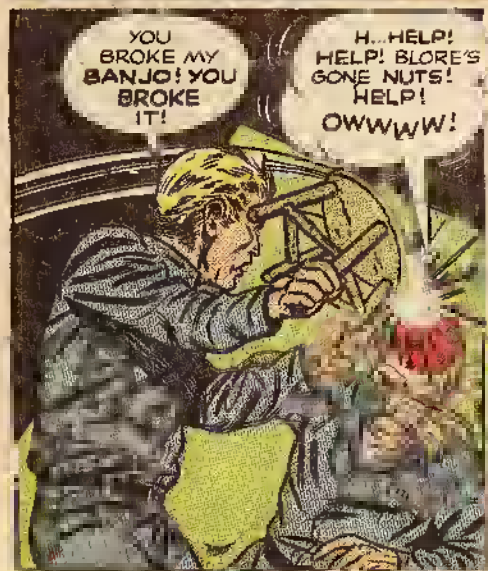
YOU
BROKE MY
BANJO! YOU
BROKE
IT!

H...HELP!
HELP! BLORE'S
GONE NUTS!
HELP!
OWWWW!

YOU
BROKE IT!
BROKE IT!
BROKE
IT!

HURRY!
GET THE
CELL DOOR
OPEN!

EEEEEE!!!



CRIME DOES NOT PAY



HE'S UNCONSCIOUS! YOU NITWIT! WHAT DID YOU BEAT HIM UP FOR?

HE MADE FUN OF MY MUSIC! HE BUSTED THE STRINGS ON MY BANJO SO I BUSTED HIS HEAD!



HEE-HEE! HE-HEE! BUSTED HIS HEAD! HE-HEE!

B... BETTER TAKE BLORE DOWN TO THE DOCTOR! HE'S SICK-SICK WHERE THERE'S NO CURE - IN THE HEAD!

BUT THE DOCTOR FOUND NOTHING WRONG WITH BLORE'S HEAD...

IT'S HIS SOUL THAT'S SICK! HIS SOUL IS DISEASED! ROTTED WITH MEANNESS, VICIOUSNESS! IT'S A COMMON AILMENT AMONG CRIMINALS! MEDICINE CAN'T CURE HIM! ONLY PUNISHMENT!

PUNISHMENT CAN'T TURN BLACK INTO WHITE! PRISON WON'T DO A THING TO BLORE EXCEPT KEEP HIM OUT OF CIRCULATION FOR A FEW YEARS!

THE GUARD WAS A PROPHET! BLORE WAS RELEASED IN 1923, AND WASTED NO TIME PAYING A VISIT TO HIS FAVORITE PAWNBROKER...

CASH THIS TIME! NO CASH - NO GUN!

HOW CAN I PAY CASH WHEN I AIN'T GOT A NICKEL TO MY NAME? GIVE ME THE GUN AND I'LL GET CASH!

NOTHIN' DOIN'! IF YOU CAN'T PAY FOR WHAT YOU WANT, GET OUT!

YOU CAN'T ORDER ME AROUND! I'VE BEEN TOO EASY WITH YOU! YOU'LL START TALKING THROUGH THE OTHER SIDE OF YOUR FACE!



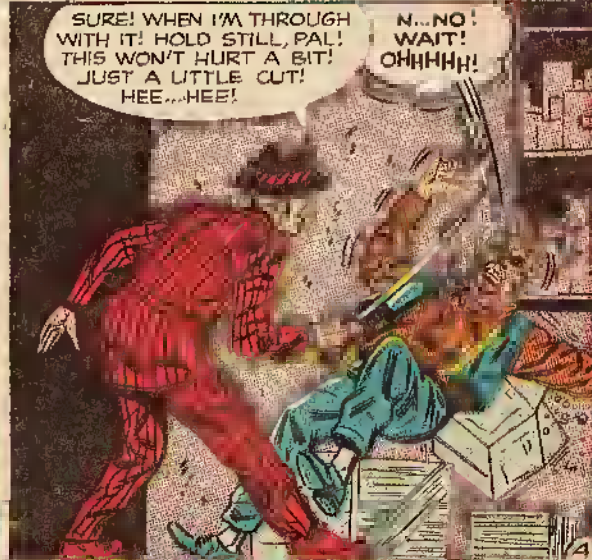
IN FACT, I'LL MAKE THAT HOLE IN YOUR FACE! HE-HEE! HE-HEE! YOU'LL HAVE TWO MOUTHS! HE-HEE! ONE TO SCREAM WITH, ONE TO APOLOGIZE WITH!

YOUR CRAZY! GASP! P... PUT THAT SWORD AWAY!



SURE! WHEN I'M THROUGH WITH IT! HOLD STILL, PAL! THIS WON'T HURT A BIT! JUST A LITTLE CUT! HE-HEE! HE-HEE!

N... NO! WAIT! OHHHHH!



CRIME DOES NOT PAY

N...NO, BLORE!
GASP! DON'T
DO IT! TAKE
THE GUN! TAKE
ANYTHING!
GASP!
PLEASE!

YOU SHOULD'VE
SAID THAT IN THE
FIRST PLACE...
OKAY, SAP...YOU
GET OFF THIS
TIME...PROVIDED
YOU STAKE ME
TO A HUNDRED
BUCKS BESIDES!



THERE! SEE HOW NICE IT IS TO
SAY "YES"? YOU SAVED A LOT
OF STITCHES IN YOUR FAT FACE
THAT WAY! BETTER STILL...YOU
MAKE A FRIEND OF FRED
BLORE, INSTEAD OF AN
ENEMY!

YOU'RE
RIGHT! I...I
MUST HAVE
BEEN CRAZY
TO ARGUE
WITH YOU!



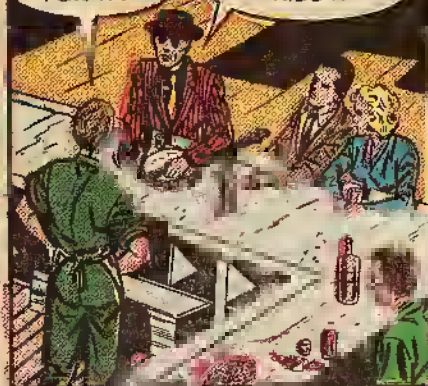
A MAN SHOULDN'T ARGUE
WITH A LUNATIC! THE BEST
THING THAT COULD HAPPEN
TO ME...OR ANYBODY WHO
GETS MIXED UP WITH BLORE...
IS FOR BLORE TO GET KILLED!
HE'S A HUMAN VOLCANO!
HE CAN BLOW UP AT THE
DROP OF A HAT!



A DAY LATER, IN AN UPTOWN BISTRO...

YOU'VE BEEN
DRINKING ALL
NIGHT, CHUM!
HOW ABOUT
PAYING
FOR IT?

I'VE GOT A BETTER
IDEA! HOW ABOUT
YOU PAYING FOR IT!
RAISE 'EM,
CHUMP! I'M NOT
KIDDIN'!

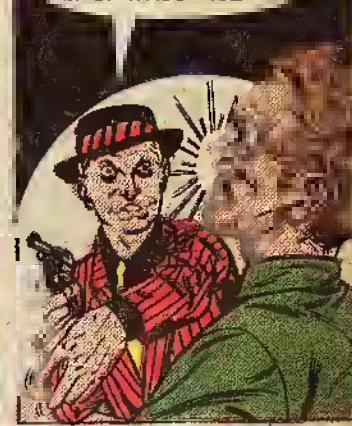


EVERYBODY GET INTO THE
ACT! PASS THE COUNTER ONE
AT A TIME! PUT YOUR DOUGH
ON THE COUNTER, THEN GO
BACK AN' STAND AGAINST THE
WALL! ANYBODY STUPID
ENOUGH TO RUN FOR IT WILL
GET A SLUG IN THE BACK!

YOU'RE CRAZY!
X...YOU CAN'T
GET AWAY
WITH THIS!



CAN'T I AM! YOU'RE WASTIN'
TIME...AN' I'M IN A HURRY!
THE WOMEN NEXT...ALL
YOUR RINGS AN' BRACELETS
AN' MONEY! GET GOIN',
GALS...HEE! HEE!



MAYBE A SMARTER MAN THAN BLORE WOULD HAVE
REALIZED THAT SPEAKIES CONSTITUTED A JINX...
HAVING BEEN ARRESTED IN ONE BEFORE, MAYBE
BLORE FIGURED LIGHTNING COULDN'T STRIKE TWICE
IN THE SAME PLACE...



GOOD NIGHT -
FOLKS!... THANKS
FOR COOPERATIN'
SO NICELY! I
WON'T FORGET
IT!



YOU
BET YOU
WON'T!

UGH!!

C'MON!
LET'S GET
HIM!

CRIME DOES NOT PAY

A FEW SECONDS LATER...



QUICK! SOMEBODY! CALL A COP!

YOU'LL HAVE TO CALL THE MORGUE BEFORE WE'RE THROUGH WITH HIM!

BLORE WAS BEATEN TO WITHIN AN INCH OF HIS LIFE! HE LIVED TO PICK UP A THREE YEAR SENTENCE FOR ROBBERY, BUT THE BEATING LEFT ITS SCARS! HE NEVER FORGOT IT...

N..NO! DON'T HIT ME! STAY AWAY! HELP!

THE CRUMB'S DREAMIN' AGAIN!



STOP YOUR YELLIN'! YOU'RE DRIVIN' ME CRAZY! I AIN'T HAD A NIGHT'S SLEEP SINCE YOU CAME HERE!

GASP! S..SLEEP? YEAH... SLEEP! IT WAS ONLY A DREAM— LIKE THE OTHERS! ONLY IT WAS SO REAL!



I COULD SEE 'EM COMIN' AT ME... ALL OF 'EM GANGIN' UP AT ME! THEY'LL NEVER DO THAT AGAIN! NEVER! I'LL WIPE 'EM OUT FIRST!

AW, GO TO SLEEP! I GOT A TIN EAR LISTENIN' TO THAT STORY OF YOU AN' THE BEATIN' YOU TOOK!



AFTER SERVING HIS TERM, BLORE WAS BACK IN ANOTHER SPEAKEASY WITH ANOTHER REVOLVER IN HIS POCKET, AND WITH A LOAD OF ROTGUT UNDER HIS BELT...

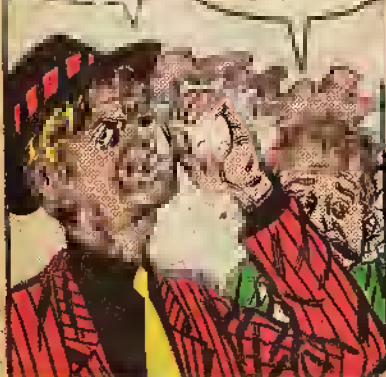
I'M NO SHMALL TOWN CHICKEN-THIEF, PAL! I BEEN WITH THE BIGGEST GANGS—KID DROPPER'S... NICK VELONI'S... JIM COLISMO'S...

BULL, MISTER, BULL! YOU'RE JUST A BAG OF WIND! YOU'RE JUST NOBODY!



NOBODY? WITH ALL THE COPS IN AMERICA LOOKIN' FOR ME? SHIC!

SURE, YOU'RE A LIAR! YOU'RE DRUNK AN' YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SAYIN'!



BIG SHOTS DON'T TALK ABOUT SUCH THINGS! IT'S THE PUNKS—THE SMALL FRY WHO BOAST ABOUT HOW HIGH THEY ARE!

KEEP IT UP, PAL! JUST KEEP IT UP! SHIC! YOU'LL BE SORRY!



HEY! STOP THAT NOISE! THAT BANJO-PLAYING IS TERRIBLE!

SOME BIG SHOT YOU ARE! YOU LET A YOUNG SQUIRT LIKE THAT TELL YOU OFF? NO BIG SHOT KNUCKLES UNDER TO A TWO BIT DRUNK!



CRIME DOES NOT PAY

I DON'T KNUCKLE UNDER TO NOBODY! SO YOU DON'T LIKE MY BANJO MUSIC, EH? THAT'S TOUGH; MISTER, BECAUSE NOW I'M PLAYIN' IT EVEN LOUDER!

I'M WARNING YOU FOR THE LAST TIME! CUT OUT THAT CRUMMY NOISE, OR I'LL SHOVE IT DOWN YOUR THROAT!

HEAR THAT, BIG SHOT? YOU AIN'T TAKIN' THAT INSULT LYIN' DOWN!

BLORE WAS DRUNK! HE REMEMBERED ONLY THE MEN WHO'D BEATEN HIM UP THREE YEARS BEFORE! HE HEARD ONLY THE TAUNTING VOICE OF HIS DRINKING COMPANION...

GO ON! PROVE YOU'RE A BIG SHOT!

SURE! I'M A BIG SHOT! I'M THE BIGGEST SHOT HERE!

IT WAS THE NIGHT OF OCTOBER 9TH 1926...A DATE MARKED IN BLOOD! AS BLORE, THE BOOZE, DREDGING UP ALL HIS VICIOUSNESS, BEGAN HIS DRUNKEN RAMPAGE...

UGH... YOU FOOL!

TAKE THAT! SO YOU DON'T WANT TO HEAR MY BANJO PLAYIN'! NOBODY PUSHES ME AROUND!



OH...HHH...

H...HE'S DEAD!

NOBODY MOVE! EVERYBODY STAND STILL WHILE ME AN' MY FRIEND LEAVE!

I...I AIN'T LEAVIN' BLORE! I AIN'T GOIN' NOWHERE!

YOU'RE GOIN', FRIEND, OR YOU GO STRAIGHT TO HADES! I'M GOIN' TO SHOW YOU HOW A BIG SHOT DOES THINGS, OR YOU'LL WIND UP ON THE FLOOR NEXT TO JUNIOR!

...OKAY, BUT PLEASE, NO MORE SHOOTIN'! PLEASE... GASP!



TED FREER, BLORE'S COMPANION FOR THE NIGHT, PLEADED IN VAIN! TEN MINUTES LATER, AFTER BLORE DECIDED THEY NEEDED A CAR...

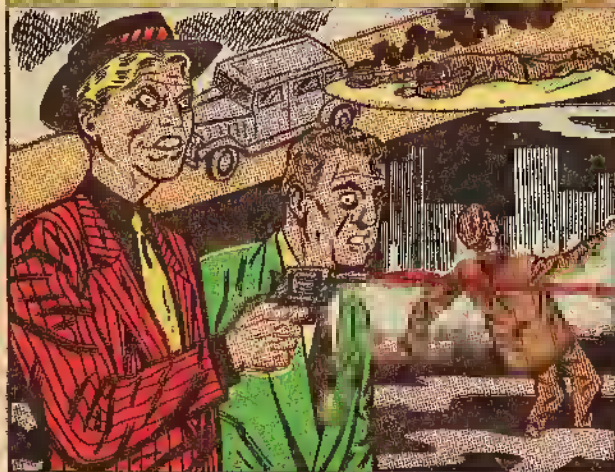
OH...HHH...

GASP! WHY'D YOU SHOOT HIM FOR?

HE COULD'VE PHONED THE COPS! WE'RE GONNA MAKE A HOLDUP TOUR THROUGH TOWN!



THIS BEGAN A NIGHTMARE—TWENTY FOUR HOURS OF HOLDUPS AND MURDERS WITHOUT LET UP!



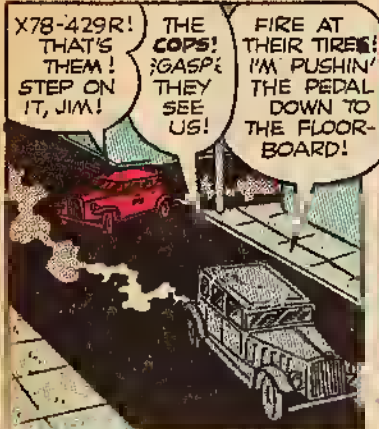
Y...YOU'RE A BIG SHOT! YOU KILLED PEOPLE! YOU WERE IN ALL THE TOP MOBS! YOU'RE ANYTHING YOU SAY YOU WERE—ONLY STOP THIS KILLIN'!

IT'S TOO LATE, FREER! THE DAMAGE'S DONE! WE GOTTA GO ON KILLIN'! THE COPS'LL BE LOOKIN' FOR ME NOW! THERE'S NO WAY OUT!



CRIME DOES NOT PAY

IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE A DESCRIPTION OF BLORE'S CAR, TAKEN FROM THE DEAD OWNER'S PAPERS, WENT OUT TO THE POLICE, AND SOON BLORE'S CAR WAS SPOTTED...



X78-429R! THAT'S THEM! STEP ON IT, JIM!

THE COPS! GASP! THEY SEE US!

FIRE AT THEIR TIRES! I'M PUSHIN' THE PEDAL DOWN TO THE FLOOR-BOARD!



SO THAT'S HOW THEY WANT IT! FINE! WE'LL DISH IT OUT FOR A CHANGE!



HEEE!!

FREEER! GASP! THEY GOT HIM! I'VE GOT TO DITCH THIS CAR! EVERY PROWL CAR IN TOWN WILL KNOW IT!

SO BLORE DITCHED THE CAR AND ESCAPED INTO THE NIGHT! LATER, EVERY POLICEMAN IN TOWN WAS LOOKING FOR HIM...

WH...WHERE CAN I GO? WHERE CAN I HIDE? THEY MUST HAVE A DESCRIPTION OF ME! THOSE CRUMBS AT THE SPEAKIE MUST'VE TOLD THE BULLS PLENTY!



THE NIGHTMARE BEGAN! HE HID IN AN ALL-NIGHT MOVIE! HE TRIED TO MELT INTO THE SHADOWS OF A FLOP HOUSE, CROUCHING BEHIND BILLBOARDS, SLEEPING UNDER A WHARF WHILE THE POLICE COMBED THE CITY FOR HIM...

I C..CAN'T TAKE ANOTHER STEP! I'M BUSHED! IF THEY CATCH ME HERE, THEY CATCH ME, THAT'S ALL! I GOTTA SLEEP... GOTTA SL...



BUT SUNDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 10TH, FOUND BLORE STILL UNCAPPED! THE PAPERS WERE FULL OF HIS GHASTLY EXPLOITS...

BOY...I WOULDN'T BE IN THIS MUG'S SHOES FOR A MILLION BUCKS!

WHY NOT-IF HE'S SMARTER THAN THE BULLS? HIC! I OUGHTA KNOW! I'M THE GUY THEY'RE AFTER!



HEY! DID YOU HEAR THAT? THIS LUSH HERE SAYS HE'S THE KILLER THE COPS ARE AFTER! EVER HEAR ANYTHING SO FUNNY?

ALL THAT CRUMB COULD KILL IS A BOTTLE! HAW, HAW!

FUNNY, EH? WELL, LAUGH THIS OFF!



OH...H...

H...HE MUST BE THE ONE! H...HE'S SHOT GIL!

SURE! I DON'T CARE HOW MANY JERKS I KILL! I'M IN FOR IT, ANYWAY! BUT YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHIN' YET, WISE GUY! I'M MAKIN' A TOUR OF THE TOWN AN' YOU'RE COMIN' WITH ME!



CRIME DOES NOT PAY

LIKE THE LATE TED FREER BEFORE HIM, JERRY PABST WAS DRAGGED ALONG AS ON-THE-SPOT OBSERVER TO BLORE'S SPLURGE!

FIRST, WE NEED A CAR TO GET AROUND! NOBODY'LL LOOK FOR ME IN A CABBIE'S UNIFORM! OKAY, CHUM...
DRIVE TO THE CITY LIMITS...

BUT WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME, BLORE?

!GULP!
OKAY!

WHEN BLORE REACHED THE CITY LIMITS, HE DRESSED HIMSELF IN THE CABBIE'S COSTUME, AND...

I WANT COMPANY! I WANT A WITNESS! I WANT SOMEBODY TO TELL THE WORLD WHAT KIND OF A GUY FRED "BANJO" BLORE WAS!... THAT I CARED NOTHIN' FOR HUMAN LIFE!

N..NO!
WAIT! DON'T SHOO...EEAA!!

WITHIN A FEW HOURS, BLORE HAD COMMITTED MORE ROBBERIES AND MURDERS... A PASSERBY, A GAS STATION ATTENDANT, A STORE...

THE TERRIFIED JERRY PABST KNEW HE WOULD BE NEXT ON THE SLAUGHTER LIST, SO HE WAITED TILL THE CAB PASSED SOME POLICEMEN AND...

HELP! POLICE! THE GUY DRIVIN' THIS CAB IS THE MURDERER YOU'RE AFTER!

WHY, YOU DOUBLE-CROSSIN' WORM!

WITH THE POLICE AFTER HIM, BLORE'S ESCAPE WAS SUDDENLY CUT OFF BY A PASSING FREIGHT TRAIN...

OKAY, GIT, PABST! DON'T SAY I DIDN'T GIVE YOU A FAIR CHANCE IF THIS BULLET DOESN'T CATCH UP WITH YOU!

!EEE!

WHAT DOES THIS ONE MAKE IT-NINE OR TEN? SPEAK UP, PABST! NOW DO YOU BELIEVE I'M THE GUY THE COPS ARE AFTER?

WHERE IS HE? WHERE'D HE GO?

H...HE HOPPED ON TH..THE FREIGHT CAR! GET HIM! HE'S A D..DEVIL!

THERE HE IS--I SEE HIM!

DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY! HE'S A KILL-CRAZY MANIAC!

I GOT HIM!

EEEA!!

BLORE RECOVERED SUFFICIENTLY FROM THE GUN WOUND TO FACE TRIAL! HE WAS FOUND GUILTY AND CONVICTED! ON MAY 11, 1927, JUSTICE WAS DONE...

DON'T KILL ME!!
!GASPS I'M FALLIN'!
STOP ME!
STOP ME!

THE END

THE NOOSE STOPPED HIM! AS IT WILL STOP ALL CRIME WAVES...
CRIME DOES NOT PAY!!

CRIME ODDITIES



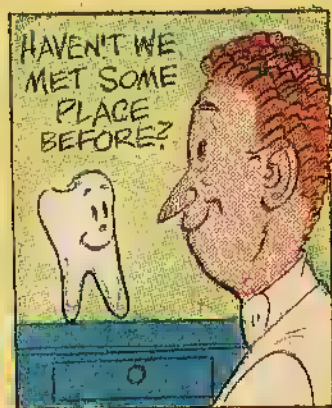
A YOUNG MAN IN DENVER COLORADO TOOK FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE FACT THAT WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY FELL ON A SUNDAY WHICH MADE MONDAY A HOLIDAY. IN THE COURSE OF ENJOYING THE DAY OFF, HE PARKED HIS CAR DOWNTOWN UNDER A SIGN READING 'NO PARKING EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS'. WHEN HE CAME BACK, HE FOUND

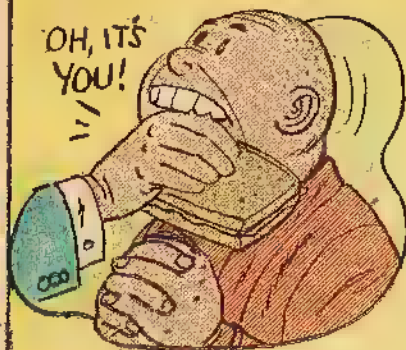
A TICKET ON HIS WINDSHIELD FOR ILLEGAL PARKING, STILL IN A HOLIDAY MOOD, HE DROVE TO THE TRAFFIC VIOLATION BUREAU TO PAY THE FINE, ONLY TO FIND A SIGN ON THE DOOR READING, "CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY".



THE SHERIFF OF AN OHIO PRISON RECEIVED A PETITION SIGNED BY ALL THE INMATES REQUESTING THAT "JONES", A FELLOW PRISONER BE REMOVED. THE SHERIFF IMMEDIATELY COMPLIED AND FOUND A "PRIVATE JAIL" FOR THE MAN WHO WAS SO UNWANTED. DO YOU THINK THAT THE SHERIFF PAMPERED HIS INMATES? NOT REALLY, "JONES" HAD THE MUMPS.

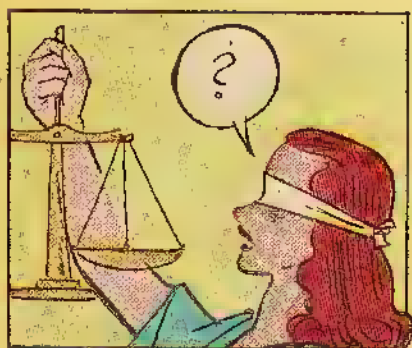
THERE ARE SPECIALISTS IN EVERY FIELD, AND CRIME IS NO EXCEPTION. RECENTLY, THERE WAS A THIEF WHO SPECIALIZED IN ROBBING DENTISTS. DENTISTS WHO HAD BEEN HIS VICTIMS DISTRIBUTED X-RAYS OF THE CRIMINAL'S TEETH, AND ONE DAY, PURSUING HIS SPECIALTY, HE WALKED INTO DR. GRAY'S OFFICE. THE DOCTOR IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZED THE SET OF TEETH AS THOSE BELONGING TO THE ROBBER. THE CULPRIT WAS ARRESTED ON CHARGES OF ASSAULT, ROBBERY AND ILLEGALLY CARRYING A GUN. WHEN CONGRATULATED ON HIS BEING SO ALERT, THE DENTIST SAID "I MAY FORGET A FACE, BUT I NEVER FORGET A SET OF TEETH".





AN EX-CONVICT FROM OHIO, WHO WAS DISCOVERED RUMMAGING AND STEALING IN AN OFFICE, WAS UNHAPPY ABOUT BEING CAUGHT, BUT WAS REALLY REMORSEFUL WHEN HE LEARNED THAT THE OFFICE BELONGED TO A COUNCILMAN WHO HAD FOUND A JOB FOR HIM AFTER HE WAS PAROLED FROM PRISON.

AN EXTREMELY CONSCIENTIOUS TEXAN DECIDED TO KEEP HIS SERVICE STATION OPEN 24 HOURS. THE FIRST NIGHT HE HAD ONLY ONE CUSTOMER, WELL, NOT EXACTLY A CUSTOMER, IT TURNED OUT TO BE A THIEF WHO ROBBED HIM OF TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY DOLLARS. THE NEXT MORNING HIS PATRONS SAW THIS SIGN. . . .



ONE OF THE BASIC PROCEDURES IN OUR DEMOCRATIC COURTS IS THE PRACTICE OF CALLING UPON PRIVATE CITIZENS TO SERVE ON THE JURY TO JUDGE A FELLOW CITIZEN, WHO IS STANDING TRIAL. ONE IS NOT ASKED, ONE IS TOLD THAT AT A SPECIFIED TIME, HE IS TO BE AVAILABLE. ONLY WITH A VERY VALID REASON THAT IS RECOGNIZED BY THE COURT, CAN

ONE BE EXCUSED. ROBERT SPEARS AND ALAN HAWKS, WERE IMMEDIATELY EXCUSED, WHEN A CURIOUS FACT WAS BROUGHT TO LIGHT. IT HAPPENED THAT MR. SPEARS WAS DISTRICT ATTORNEY AT THE TIME - AND THE COURT CALENDAR SCHEDULED HIM TO PROSECUTE MR. HAWKS ON A CHARGE OF ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO MURDER.



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INSIDE, IN A SMOKE-FILLED APARTMENT, SAT SEVERAL HARD-FACED MEN...

I GOT THE CHARACTER! HE'S DEAD!

COME ON IN, AL! I WANT YOU TO MEET THE BOYS!

THIS IS MIKE ADLER, HE RUNS THE WEST SIDE FOR ME! THIS IS JOEY RAINES, MY EAST SIDE BOSS, AND CHICAGO BILL DEEVERS, THE CAPABLE GENT WHO HANDLES THE SOUTH SIDE! BOYS, MEET AL DELL!

HI'YA! YOU DIDN'T MENTION THE NORTH SIDE, BOSS!

MY NORTH SIDE BOSS WAS JAKE FINNELL! HE'S THE GUY YOU GOT TONIGHT! JAKE WAS DOUBLE CROSSIN' US! HE WAS LABELLED TO GO!

I GOT FINNELL? HEY! HE WAS BIG! IF I HAD KNOWN IT WAS FINNELL I WAS GUNNIN'...

YOU'VE BEEN GOOD FOR THE ORGANIZATION, AL! YOU'VE SHOWN BRAINS AND COURAGE! I LIKE GUYS WITH COURAGE! YOU'RE TAKIN' FINNELL'S NORTH SIDE SPOT! OKAY?

OKAY? WOW! I'LL SAY IT'S OKAY! THANKS! THANKS FOR THE RAISE!

WHO'S HE? WHAT DOES HE DO?

HIM? HE'S SORT OF A BODY-GUARD FOR ME! YOU HAVEN'T MET "LITTLE HERCULES" HANOVER, EH? HERE, SHOW HIM WHAT YOU DO!

GREAT GUNS! HE'S 'TWINSTIN' THAT IRON BAR LIKE IT WAS TAFFY!

HE DOESN'T TALK MUCH, BUT HE'S LONG ON ACTION—AN EX-CIRCUS STRONG MAN! HE'S GOT ENOUGH STRENGTH IN THOSE HANDS TO STRANGLE AN ELEPHANT!

HE JUST STANDS THERE STARIN' AT ME!

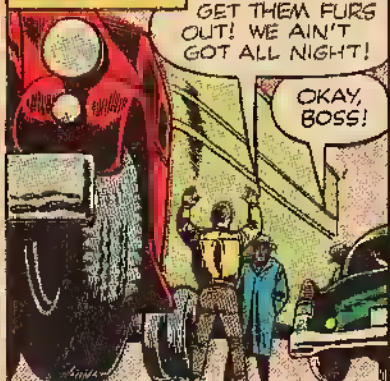
THAT'S OKAY! HE'S YOUR PAL TOO, NOW THAT YOU'RE RUNNIN' PART OF THE SHOW FOR ME! TAKE GOOD CARE OF THAT NORTH SIDE, EH, PAL? BE SEEIN' YOU!

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ALBERT DELL BECAME A HARDENED VETERAN AT HIS BUSINESS...THE BUSINESS OF HI-JACKING TRUCKS, AND SELLING THE GOODS TO THE NORTH SIDE MARKETS...

HURRY UP! GET THEM FURS OUT! WE AIN'T GOT ALL NIGHT!

OKAY, BOSS!



THEN...

ALL SET, BOSS! BUT WHAT ABOUT THE DRIVER? HE'LL BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE US!

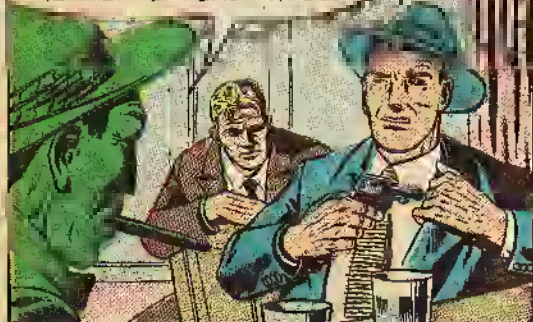
SURE..IF HE LIVES! ROLL PAST HIM! I'LL DO THE REST!



THAT SAME YEAR, ON THE NIGHT OF APRIL 14TH, CHICAGO BILL DEEVERS, THE SOUTH SIDE BOSS, MET WITH DELL AT A HIDE-OUT...

SOME OUT'A TOWNERS ARE TRYIN' TO HORN IN! THE BIG BOSS WANTS YOUR BOYS AN' MINE TO KICK 'EM BACK WEST!

OKAY, DEEVERS, LET'S GO GET 'EM!



LATER THAT NIGHT, A SEDAN, CARRYING SEVERAL MEN WAS MET ON THE CITY'S OUT-SKIRTS BY TWO OTHER CARS...

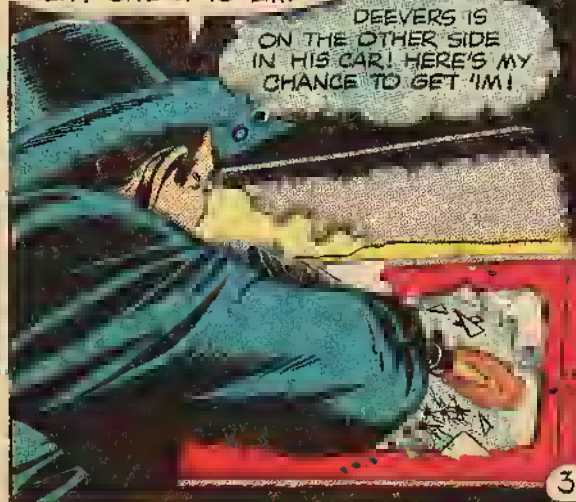
YOU GUYS TURN AROUND AND GO BACK-SEE? THIS TOWN'S ALL SEWED UP, SEE?

SEZ YOU, BUSTER! NOW SCRAM! SCRAM OR WE GIVE IT TO YOU!



SO THEY WON'T LISTEN, EH? GIVE IT TO 'EM!

DEEVERS IS ON THE OTHER SIDE IN HIS CAR! HERE'S MY CHANCE TO GET 'IM!



IN THE OTHER SEDAN, CHICAGO BILL DEEVERS SUDDENLY JUMPED, AS A BURST OF TOMMY GUN SLUGS CAUGHT HIM...



CRIME DOES NOT PAY

THEY'RE DEAD—ALL OF 'EM! GET GOIN'!

I GOT CHICAGO BILL, TOO...NOBODY'LL EVER KNOW...AND I BEGIN TO MOVE UP ANOTHER STEP! I'LL TAKE OVER THE SOUTH SIDE NOW!

THE MAN WHO ONLY A MONTH BEFORE WAS A COMMON HOOD IN THE GANG, NOW CONTROLLED THE NORTH AND SOUTH SIDES...AND MADE BOLD PLANS TO MOVE UP AND UP...

THE WEST SIDE COMES NEXT! DID YOU FIX MIKE ADLER'S BOOKS SO IT LOOKS LIKE HE WAS HOLDIN' BACK ON THE BIG BOSS?

YEAH, AL, BUT YOU BETTER TAKE HIM FAST—BEFORE HE FINDS OUT!

TWO DAYS LATER, ON MAY 11TH, MIKE ADLER AND FOUR COHORTS WERE RUTHLESSLY SHOT DOWN IN AN ABANDONED WEST SIDE FLAT...

BETTER NOT DO IT, DELL! THE BIG BOSS DOESN'T LIKE DOUBLE CROSSERS!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DID THE CROSSING, ADLER—SO THE BIG BOSS WILL THINK! G'BYE!

THE URAND-COMING DELL PROMPTLY TOOK OVER THE WEST SIDE! TWO WEEKS LATER, JOEY RAINES, EAST SIDE BOSS WAS KILLED IN A PITCHED GUN BATTLE WITH "UNKNOWN THUGS"...

THAT'S JOEY NOW! POP 'IM!

DELL ATTENDED "GOOD OLD JOEY'S" FUNERAL AND THEN WAS SUMMONED TO THE BIG BOSS'S OFFICE...

YOU'RE ALL I'VE GOT LEFT, AL! THE OTHERS COULDN'T HOLD THEIR OWN! I'M MAKIN' YOU MY ENTIRE SECTIONAL BOSS! WE'LL SPLIT FIFTY-FIFTY!

THAT'LL BE SWELL! THANKS! AN! DON'T WORRY—I'LL KEEP THINGS UNDER CONTROL!

BUT DELL WANTED NO PART OF A FIFTY-FIFTY SPLIT...HE WANTED THE WORKS! AND THUS, ONE MONTH LATER, HIS FINAL OBSTACLE—THE BIG BOSS, WAS FOUND DEAD ONE DAY...

I'LL GET THE RAT WHO DID THIS HERE! S'HELP ME, I'LL GET HIM!

IT WAS EASY... TWO SHOTS IN THE BACK OF THE HEAD...NOW I RUN THE SHOW...THE WHOLE SHOW!

AND WITH THE OMINOUS "LITTLE HERC" CONSTANTLY AT HIS SIDE, ALBERT DELL RULED THE ROOST OF GANGLAND...

YOUR IDEA OF JACKIN' UP THE PRICES IS WORKIN' BOSS! THE MERCHANTS ARE PAYIN' YOUR PRICE—HERE'S TWENTY GRAND!

SURE, THEY'LL PAY! IT'S STILL CHEAPER THAN BUYING LEGIT STUFF!

CRIME DOES NOT PAY

IT WAS AT THIS TIME THAT THE POLICE WERE TO MAKE THEIR FIRST BIG MOVE IN CRACKING THE WALLS OF DELL'S SEEMINGLY IMPREGNABLE FORTRESS OF CRIME...

WE GOT A TIP THAT DELL'S MOBSTERS HELD UP A TRUCKLOAD OF INCOMING PRECISION MACHINERY...WORTH A FORTUNE! SO WE GRABBED THE TRUCK FROM THE MOBSTERS, AND ARE HOLDING THEM IN CUSTODY!

DO WE GO AFTER DELL NOW?



NO, NOT YET! THE HI-JACKERS WON'T SING! WE NEED BIGGER EVIDENCE! BUT I'VE GOT AN IDEA...WE'VE GOT TO SPLIT THE GANG'S RANKS!



THE PHONE RANG IN DELL'S APARTMENT AND...

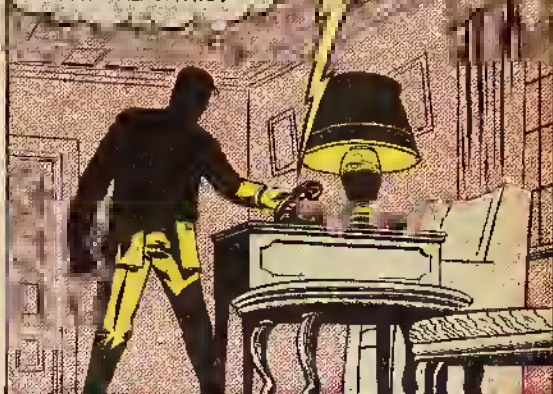
THIS IS ONE OF THE UPTOWN MERCHANTS, AL! I GOT THE PRECISION MACHINE PARTS OKAY...THANKS...THE STUFF WAS WELL WORTH THE FORTY GRAND I PAID FOR IT!

HUH? BUT I NEVER GOT THE MACHINERY! SOMEONE HI-JACKED IT FROM US!



BUT THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE! LITTLE HERC ALREADY DELIVERED IT!

HERC - HE DOUBLE CROSSED ME! I'LL GET HIM FOR THIS!



GOTTA HANDLE THIS JUST RIGHT! CAN'T LET LITTLE HERC KNOW THAT I FOUND OUT...IF HE EVER LAYS THOSE BIG PAWS ON ME...I'M A GONER...I'LL TAKE HIM OUT TONIGHT...ON THE PRETENSE OF A JOB! THEN...



THAT NIGHT, AT NINE O'CLOCK ON A LONELY HIGHWAY...

I DIDN'T DO IT, DELL... I DIDN'T...

DON'T LIE TO ME YOU HALF-PINT RAT! HERE'S YOUR TICKET TO ETERNITY...



LITTLE HERC'S GOT LOTS OF FRIENDS, BOSS! THEY AIN'T GONNA LIKE THIS! THEY MIGHT START SOMETHIN'!

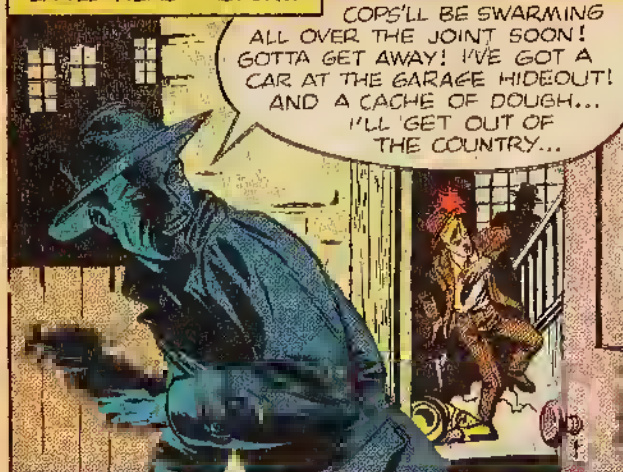
LET 'EM! I AIN'T AFRAID OF HERC'S PALS! LET 'EM COME! BUT NOBODY DOUBLE CROSSES ME! NOBODY!



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WAR DID BREAK OUT WITHIN THE GANGS... AND DELL'S HEADQUARTERS WERE STORMED BY THE "LITTLE HERC" FACTION...

AT THE GREAT EMPTY GARAGE, ALBERT DELL FAILED TO NOTICE A LIMP FIGURE THAT DODGED FROM PILLAR TO PILLAR... FOLLOWING HIM...



COPS'LL BE SWARMING ALL OVER THE JOINT SOON! GOTTA GET AWAY! I'VE GOT A CAR AT THE GARAGE HIDEOUT! AND A CACHE OF DOUGH... I'LL GET OUT OF THE COUNTRY...

I CAN LAY LOW SOMEWHERE... TILL ALL THIS BLOWS OVER... THEN... MAYBE COME BACK... START OVER AGAIN... GOT PLENTY OF DOUGH... I'M RICH!



LITTLE HERC! BUT I LEFT YOU DEAD OUT THERE ON THE HIGHWAY! STAY BACK HERE! STAY BACK! I'LL KILL YOU, HERC...



IT WAS AN HOUR LATER, WHEN POLICE ENTERED THE OFFICE OF THE GARAGE AND FOUND TWO MEN—BOTH DEAD! LITTLE HERC DIDN'T JUST STRANGLE HIM WITH HIS HANDS—HE ACTUALLY TWISTED AN IRON BAR AROUND HIS NECK! WHAT A WAY TO DIE!



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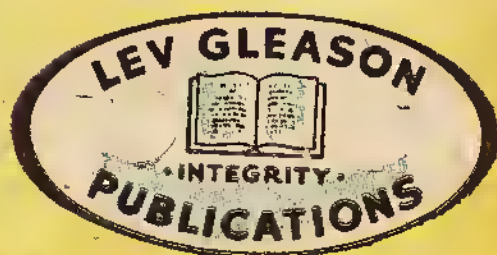
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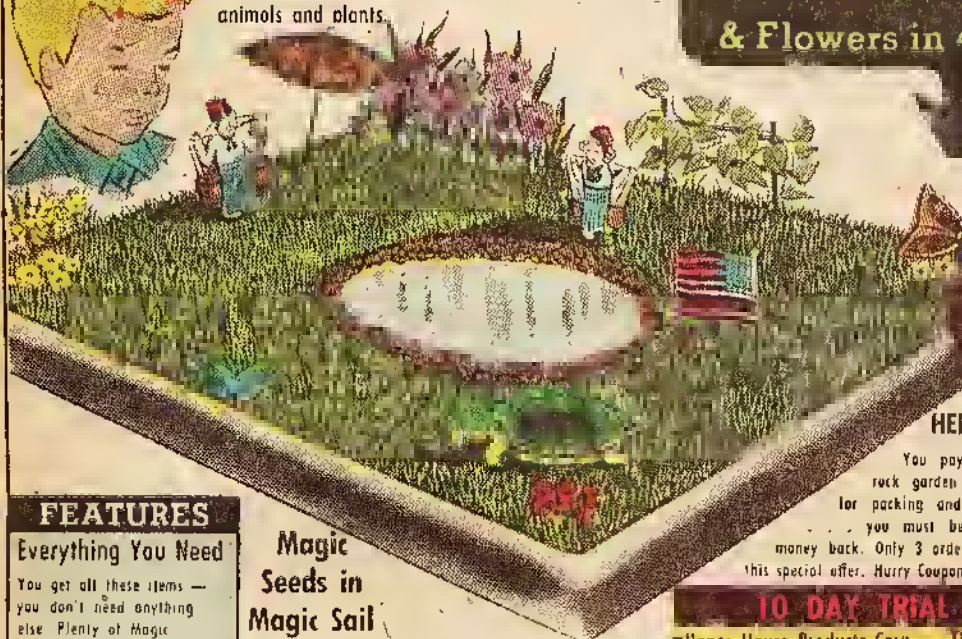
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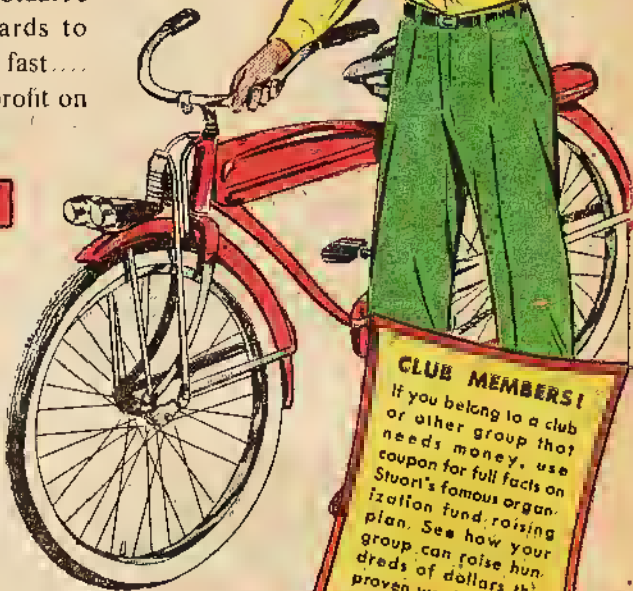
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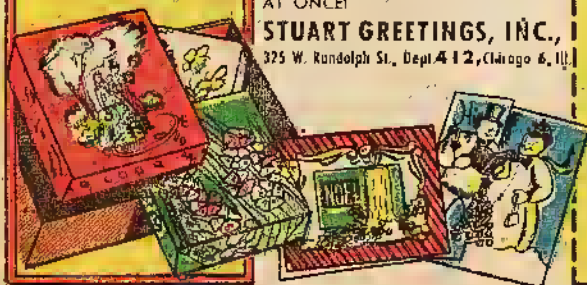
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